(c) the details of achievements made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

WHO warning on Anthrax

58. SHRIMATIJAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) has urged individuals and organizations to handle mail with care following cases of Anthrax scare in the US and other countries;

(b) whether certain guidelines have been issued in this regard;

(c) the nature of the same;

(d) whether Anthrax cases have been reported during the months of September and October, 2001 in India, and

(e) if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The guidelines provide information on how to handle a potentially infected mail, how & where to send it for confirmation and what to do what not to do in case the envelope is leaking or has been opened.

(d) No Anthrax cases have been reported during the months of September and October, 2001 in India.

(e) Question does not arise.

Anthrax bacteria

59. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of Anthrax bacteria have been reported in the capital recently and sent to NICD for investigation;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;